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Sweetwater Campground

Fee: \$8.00/ per night
Drinking Water: No
Vault Toilets: One

No. of Sites: 9
Open: May thru Nov.

Access:

- Travel 13 miles west of Eagle on I-70 to the Dotsero exit, follow the signs for Sweetwater/ Burns by turning north, right, onto the Colorado River Rd.
- Follow this road for 7 miles and then turn left onto Sweetwater Creek Rd.
- Stay on this road for 10.5 miles and turn left at the campground sign.

Facilities:

- All of the sites are partially shaded with picnic tables and fire ring grills.
- Six of the sites can accommodate vehicles up to 30 feet long.
- Trash removal is only provided through the middle of September.
- The campground is the only public access to the lake.

Natural Features:

- Sweetwater Campground, elevation 7740 feet, is located on the southeast end of 72 acre Sweetwater Lake.
- The vegetation surrounding the campground is scrub oak, serviceberry, wild rose and willow.
- High limestone cliffs tower above the area on two sides.

Attractions

- **Hiking-** There are three popular hiking and horseback riding trails beginning at the end of the campground. The Ute/Deep-FDT 2031, (9.4 miles) goes up to Deep Lake near the Flat Tops Wilderness boundary. Cross Creek-FDT 1855, (6.5 miles) travels through sagebrush flats full of wildflowers and aspen forests to Sweetwater-FDT 1854. The short Scenic Overlook Trail, (500 yards), has nice views of the lake and a waterfall. Several more trails can be accessed through the gate up at the Hilltop Ranch, about a 1/2 mile further up Sweetwater Rd.
- **Fishing-** Sweetwater Lake offers good fishing from the shore or small boats for brook, brown, and rainbow trout, as well as kokanee salmon.
- **Boating-** Canoes and rowboats are popular on this lake, but some electric motors are used. No gasoline powered motors are allowed on Sweetwater Lake, and there are no public boat ramps.

PACK IT IN– PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!